

Accreditation of Prior Learning for the Dyslexia Action Professional Certificate and Diploma programmes

Candidates seeking Accreditation of Prior Learning will be required to present information, **at the time of making the application**, on the courses and credits achieved elsewhere that they believe will contribute to the course they wish to study. This information should be in the form of:

- a copy of the qualification achieved
- a detailed transcript with credits and marks achieved
- information on the course content (programme specification, course handbook or other official documentation.)

It should be noted that the Dyslexia Action Professional programme is a **competency-assessed course at Level 7, Master's level**, which requires tutor assessment of the candidate undertaking teaching and assessment. This means that other academic programmes that have not included **competency-assessment** or are at a lower level (e.g. Level 5 or Level 6) may not qualify for APL. We may however be able to offer some recognition of attainment.

We are only normally able to consider candidates for Accreditation of Prior Learning (APL) where the prior learning has taken place **no more than five years** before the proposed date of entry to the programme of study for which exemption/credit is being sought. Candidates who have completed courses over five years ago may still apply but will be expected to have evidenced relevant work experience in dyslexia/SpLD and continuing professional development.

Bridging Module

Candidates may be required to complete a Bridging Module into their course where their previous study is recognised but has not been undertaken with Dyslexia Action or has been undertaken over 5 years ago. The Bridging Module is largely a self-study module that features reflective tasks following the completion of reading or activities to develop or revise skills needed in the modules that are about to be undertaken. Candidates can complete the Bridging Module in a minimum of 2 weeks, the maximum allowable time is 8 weeks. The fee is £480 including VAT.

Accreditation of Prior Learning for the Professional Programme

The relevant and allowable APL is listed below:

Dyslexia Action Course	Allowable APL Please see the course brochures for details of the modules.	Notes
Professional Certificate in Structured Teaching Intervention	APL for Modules A and B only	10% Discount on Modules A or B Bridging Module is required.
Professional Certificate in Assessment Theory for Dyslexia and Literacy	APL for Modules A and B only	10% Discount on Modules A or B Bridging Module is required.
Professional Certificate in Assessment Practice for Dyslexia and Literacy	APL for Module B only	<p>Bridging Module is required</p> <p>10% Discount on Module B</p> <p>Entry (but discount not applicable) with either (up to 5 years from completion only)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level 7 Postgraduate/ Professional Certificate in Dyslexia/SpLD • Dyslexia Action Level 5 Diploma in Teaching Support or Level 5 OCR Diploma in Teaching Learners with Dyslexia/SpLD • BDA Level 5 Certificate candidates must complete Module A first and can then progress to modules B, D and E.
Professional Diploma in Dyslexia and Literacy		<p>Where previous study is not the Middlesex Accredited Dyslexia Action Professional or Postgraduate Certificate candidates will be required to undertake the Bridging Module plus modules B, D, E and F. This applies to all candidates from the PG Certificate York course.</p> <p>APL for Module F only for candidates with MA or MSc qualifications or higher 10% discount.</p>

Dyslexia Action Postgraduate Programme (Accredited by York University)

Candidates who have completed the Postgraduate Certificate in Dyslexia and Literacy (York) may apply to join the Dyslexia Action Professional Certificate in Assessment Practice for Dyslexia and Literacy by completing the following route:

- Bridging Module + Module B, D and E

Progression to the Diploma can then be made following this route to Module F.

Specialist teachers can apply for Associate Membership of the Dyslexia Guild (ADG) and Specialist teacher assessors can apply for Membership of the Dyslexia Guild (MDG). Candidates who require additional teaching hours for AMBDA should apply for the [Level 5 Diploma in Strategic Teaching Support](#) and complete 10 hours of teaching. Please note that additional teaching hours are not required for Guild Membership.

Teaching Practical

Candidates who have completed other postgraduate programmes in Dyslexia and Literacy but who have not completed the specialist teaching element of the programme are advised to apply to undertake the Level 5 Diploma in Strategic Teaching Support first:

<https://dyslexiaaction.org.uk/level-5-diploma-in-strategic-teaching-support-for-dyslexia-and-literacy-dadip61/>

they may then proceed on to the Professional Certificate in Assessment Practice to become a specialist assessor:

<https://dyslexiaaction.org.uk/assessment-practice-for-dyslexia-and-literacy/>

BPS Test User: Educational Ability/Attainment (CCET)

Dyslexia Action Training recognises the British Psychological Society Test User: Educational course (CCET) as providing basic underpinning knowledge to Module B **where this has been completed within the last five years preceding the application date**. Candidates will still need to complete the module in full, including the assignments. A 10% discount is given for Module B only.

How to Apply:

- Download and complete the application form for the course that you wish to apply for, available from the website in the relevant section.

Allowable APL

- **Bridging Module**
On the form under **Course Entry Date** please tick Bridging Module under your chosen month of entry where this is required. (You must allow at least 3 weeks for completion of this module).
- **Test User: Educational (CCET)** applicants please enter the details of the course and the course completion date at Section 2b on the application form.
- If you have any further queries please contact the Postgraduate Courses Administrator at: pgmail@dyslexiaaction.org.uk

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